
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: the death of ironworkers Jerome Starr, Jeffrey Wischer, and William DeGrave while building Miller Park.

Whereas, construction workers play a vital role in our state that is often taken for granted; and

Whereas, the particularly dangerous tasks performed by ironworkers make possible the grandeur of city skylines and the majesty of modern buildings; and

Whereas, ironworkers Jerome Starr, Jeffrey Wischer, and William DeGrave lost their lives working on one of the notable public works projects of our time, Miller Park in Milwaukee; and

Whereas, the 3 were loyal members of Iron Workers Local 8 in Milwaukee; and

Whereas, Jerome Starr of Milwaukee was a highly skilled, long time ironworker and well respected member of the Ojibwa Nation; and

Whereas, Jeffrey Wischer of Waukesha, a devoted father, was the son and brother of ironworkers; and

Whereas, William “Diver” DeGrave of Kimberly, who loved his family, hunting, fishing and his job, took particular pride in his role in the Miller Park project; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature salutes these brave men who lost their lives so tragically, and recognizes that in doing the work they did, they helped us all to reach new heights; and, be it further

Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall provide copies of this joint resolution to Jerome Starr’s wife, Ramona, and his children, Anjeni, James and Christopher; to Jeffrey Wischer’s wife, Trish and his children, Shawna, Zachariah and Roland; to William DeGrave’s wife, Marjorie, and his children, Miranda, James, and Maggie; and to Iron Workers Local 8 in Milwaukee.

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Charles R. Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk